HOUSE No. 1165

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to requiring public school students to return borrowed school materials prior to graduation or promotion. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING STUDENTS TO RETURN OR PAY FOR ALL BORROWED SCHOOL MATERIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-
- 2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 49A,
- 3 the following section:—
- 4 Section 49AA. School committees may require that students
- 5 who do not return materials lent to them by the school pay for
- 6 those materials in order to advance to the next grade or graduate.
- 7 School committees may exempt students with proof of financial
- 8 hardship.